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POLITICAL

INDONESIAN COMMUNIST LEADERS IN NORTH AND CENTRAL CELEBES -- Djakarta, Harian Rakjat, 15 Jul 60

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The standing council of the North and Central Celebes CDB (major daerah committee) of the PKI (Indonesian Communist Party) is as follows: J. Suak, secretary; G. Rampen, deputy secretary; and F. Rumambi and Girot Wuntu, members. Nel Tingkue is secretary of the PKI section committee of the city of Manado, Utu Mangala is deputy secretary of the Minahasa section committee, and Jacob Lamadjuda is secretary of the Posso section committee. Other PKI leaders at the party's 40th anniversary celebrations in Manado were Abdul Rasid, representing the Gorontalo section committee; O. Wandouw, representing the Sangihe Talaud section committee; and Soenarjo, representing the Donggala section committee, as well as J. Kodongan, chairman of the 40th anniversary committee.

[Comment: The Indonesian press gives very little information on PKI personalities in the Celebes and this is the first time such a complete list has been available in FDD. Jantje Suak was formerly deputy secretary of the North and Central Celebes CDB and has moved up one step to replace Karel Supit who was reported as elected to the Central Committee at the PKI Sixth National Congress in September 1959.]

ECONOMIC

INCLUSION OF FAR EAST COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN CEMA MULTILATERAL CLEARING DISCUSSED -- Berlin, Informationsbuero West, Tagesdienst, No 32, 13 Jul 60

CPYRGHT

During its 8-9 June 1960 meeting in Moscow, the CEMA Permanent Commission for Foreign Trade discussed the question of whether Communist China, North Korea, and North Vietnam, and Mongolia should become parties to CEMA's multilateral clearing agreement of 1957. Such a step would take the form of separate treaties by the Far East Communist countries with CEMA without these countries becoming CEMA members. Such treaties are permitted by CEMA under the terms of its recently ratified statutes. It is anticipated that China will adhere to the CEMA clearing agreement in 1960.

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[Comment: East German and Czechoslovak economic periodicals have recently stressed the need for activating the dormant multilateral clearing scheme, possibly in connection with a revision of bloc exchange rates. However, the inclusion of the Far East Communist countries into the system has not been publicly discussed as far as FDD can determine from the available press.]

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES IMPEDE ESTABLISHMENT OF CEMA MULTILATERAL CLEARING
-- Prague, Finance a Uver, No 7, Jul 60

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Implementation of the CEMA multilateral clearing system raises the problem of a new method of establishing exchange rates. This problem rests on the formation of prices on the socialist world market. However, the internal prices of individual countries of the world socialist market have developed differently since the inception of the socialist camp, both in relation to the world market price and to the internal price system. At present, there is no uniform price basis on the socialist world market. Foreign exchange equivalents for products of individual industrial branches, expressed in rubles, are susceptible to marked swings, making it difficult to estimate the effect of multilateral exchange of goods on the domestic economies. Other big differences in the commodity structure and the values of different types of goods influence the multilateral equalization of balances arising from bilateral trade. -- Prof Dinko Tosev, Sofia

[Comment: For details, see FDD Summary External Economic Relations of Bloc Countries (21).]

LENINGRAD-TALLIN-RIGA RADIO RELAY LINE NEARS COMPLETION

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Construction work and installation of equipment on the Leningrad-Tallin-Riga radio relay line has been completed. An experimental broadcast of the Tallin Television Center was received in Riga. In a few days, Riga residents will see for the first time programs relayed from Leningrad and Tallin. The radio relay line will be extended to Vil'nyus in 1960, and later on to Minsk. (Tallin, Sovetskaya Estoniya, 14 Jul 60)

Residents of Riga recently saw a broadcast of the Leningrad Television Center. The experimental transmission was successful. Leningrad residents will soon see experimental broadcasts from Riga. (Leningradskaya Pravda, 14 Jul 60)

[Comment: The Leningrad-Tallin-Riga-Vil'nyus-Minsk radio relay line is an important part of the 7-year program to link major USSR cities by high-capacity microwave facilities. The Leningrad-Tallin section of the line has been reported in operation since 1958. According to press reports, the Tallin-Riga section was scheduled to go into operation at the

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beginning of 1959. Press indications are that one cause of the delay is the slow production of microwave facilities by the radio engineering industry.]

SOVIET PLANT PRODUCES ITS FIRST CONSIGNMENT OF VIDEO TAPE -- Kiev, Pravda
Ukrainy, 14 Jun 60

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Shostka, Sumskaya Oblast, 13 June (RATAU) -- The Shostka Chemical Plant has manufactured and shipped to the Leningrad KINAP Plant its first consignment of magnetic video tape. The image on this tape may be reproduced on the screen of a special device developed at the LenKINAP Plant. The image may even be erased and the tape reused. The plant organized the production of this magnetic videotape in cooperation with a branch of the All-Union Scientific Research Motion Picture Photography Institute. This new tape should find extensive application, particularly in the cinema, where it will obviate the need for consuming large quantities of expensive film in the taking and multiple copying of pictures.

AUTOMATION IN POLISH HEAVY INDUSTRY -- Warsaw, Przegląd Techniczny, No 27,
6 Jul 60, p 1

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A new industrial automation enterprise organized in the Association of the Optical-Precision Industry will be concerned with developing, designing, completing, and assembling completely automated systems of a highly complex character. In this connection, work has begun on specializing several Polish plants for production of elements for automation, including the Industrial Plant for Automation at Ostrow, the Krakow Automatic Measuring Devices Plant, the Wroclaw Electronic Equipment Plant, and the Dymitrow Plant in Warsaw. Another automation division will be established at the Kujawy Gauge Plant. Production for automation in the machine industry will be valued at about 2 billion zlotys in 1965, and will increase tenfold in the following Five-Year Plan. However, Polish industry cannot satisfy the need for automatic apparatus and will continue to import this equipment.

EAST GERMAN FARMERS ATTEMPT TO LEAVE COLLECTIVE FARMS -- Berlin, Information-
sbuero West, 6 Jul 60

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Several Kreise in Bezirk Rostock (the first district to complete "socialist transformation of agriculture") have reported that several farmers recently declared their withdrawal from LPGs (agricultural producer cooperatives). Since the beginning of the week notices have been posted by the Kreis state prosecution in local areas of Kreis Grimmen, which read as follows: "The class opponent is trying to disrupt our peaceful development through provocations, and is trying to force honest cooperative farmers to declare their withdrawal from LPGs." The state prosecution has appealed to all LPG

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farmers" not to allow themselves to become irritated." Farmers who have submitted their withdrawal notices have been ordered to appear for "personal discussions" at SED (Socialist Unity Party of Germany) Kreis executive boards.

AZERBAYDZHAN SSR TO ESTABLISH WHITE BUFFALO FARM -- Moscow, Komsomol'skaya Pravda, 8 Jul 60

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The Azerbaydzhan SSR has decided to establish a special white buffalo farm. A white silky-haired 400-kilogram female buffalo has been delivered to the Experimental Base of the Livestock Scientific Research Institute of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences Azerbaydzhan SSR. The white buffalo has unusual hoofs and horns and differs greatly from the black type, and whereas ordinary buffaloes lack heat endurance, a white buffalo can spend the greater part of a hot day in pasture.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL

THREE SOVIET SCIENTISTS ASSIGNED TO EUROPEAN CENTER FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH -- Brussels, Le Drapeau Rouge, 25 Jul 60

CPYRGHT

Three Soviet scientists have arrived in Geneva for 6 months, to participate in various aspects of the operation of the accelerator and in theoretical studies carried on in Meyrin by the CERN (Centre Europeen pour la Recherche Nucleaire, European Center for Nuclear Research). Vladimir Meshcheryakov and Rostislav Ryndin, theoretical physicists from the theoretical physics laboratory at Dubna, have been assigned to the center's theoretical studies division. Yuriy Shcherbakov, an experimental physicist who has been at Dubna since 1953, will help operate the synchrocyclotron. Three foreign scientists will soon be sent to Dubna for a period of 6 months.

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